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SUBJ: ICAF 1975 FIELD TRIP

REF: ANKARA 3177

1. IN VISITING ISTANBUL, ICAF SHOULD EXPECT FOLLOWING FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

A. EXCHANGE CURRENCY AT AIRPORT OR HOTEL COMMERCIAL FACILITIES UPON ARRIVAL ISTANBUL. (CONGEN CASHIER'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL MAY 12, AND IN ANY CASE WOULD REQUIRE MINIMUM OF THREE HOURS PROGRAM TIME TO FACILITATE EXCHANGE.) CURRENT RATE IS TL 14 TO ONE DOLLAR.

B. HOTEL COSTS AT SAME RATE PER DAY AS IN 1974 PLUS FIVE PERCENT.

C. APPROXIMATELY \$150 FOR COCKTAIL PARTY.

D. NO CLASS VI STORE IN ISTANBUL. VERY SMALL LOCAL AFEX OPEN AT MOST FIVE HOURS DAILY DURING PROGRAM TIME ONLY, AND, BECAUSE OF DISTANCE, VISIT THERE WOULD REQUIRE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS.

E. CONGEN OFFICER WILL PURCHASE REPRESENTATIONAL ITEMS FOR ICAF TO GIVE TO TURKISH PROTOCOL OFFICER, LIAISON OFFICERS, AND ENLISTED DRIVERS. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST: \$35.00.

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F. GROUP SHOULD BRING PLAQUES AND ITEMS SIMILAR TO THOSE
DISTRIBUTED IN 1974 FOR FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

(1) PRESENTATION TO FIRST ARMY COMMANDER AND/OR ISTANBUL
GARRISON COMMANDER.

(2) PRESENTATION TO NORTH SEA COMMANDER OR HIS DESIGNATED
REPRESENTATIVE.

(3) PRESENTATION TO MINIMUM OF SEVEN PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.

2. GROUP HAS CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS AT UNVER HOTEL FOR NIGHTS
MAY 11, 12, 13, AND 14. AT PRESENT HOTEL UNABLE PROVIDE ROOMS
NIGHT MAY 17. WITH TURKISH ARMY ASSISTANCE (SIMILAR TO THAT
OF 1974) UNVER OR SIMILAR HOTEL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
GROUP THAT NIGHT.

3. IF TURKISH ARMY COOPERATING AT SAME LEVEL AS IN 1974, ICAF
WHEN BEING TRANSPORTED AS GOUPD WILL INCUR NO FURFACE TRANS-
PORTATION COSTS IN ISTANBUL.

4. CONGEN UNABLE COORDINATE ISTANBUL PORTION OF ICAF VISIT WITH LOCAL
TURKISH MILITARY UNTIL ORDER ISSUED IN ANKARA FOR THE PURPOSE.
WHEN THIS RECEIVED, WILL WORK OUT DETAILS OF JOINT PROGRAM AND
FURNISH SCHEDULE TO GROUP UPON THEIR ARRIVAL ISTANBUL.

5. ANKARA; APPRECIATE EMBASSY EFFORTS ENCOURAGE TURKISH
MILITARY SPEEDILY PREPARE NECESSARY ORDER. PLEASE ADVISE
BY CABLE WHEN IT APPARENT WHICH ISTANBUL MILITARY COMMAND
WILL HAVE ICAF RESPONSIBILITY. WILLIAMS

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